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- (2) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 2003-98435 (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD), published April 3, 2003; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof;
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- (4) Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. (A) 05-336435 (KYOCERA CORP), published December 17, 1993; Together with a copy of an English-language abstract thereof.

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